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SUBJECT: MITREGA VISIT: POSSIBLE BILATER COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR
ENERGY

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PASS TO AEC

1. PROF. ROMAN ZELZNY, DIRECTOR, INSITUTE FOR NUCLEAR
RESEARCH AT SWIERK AND RYSZARD RACZKA, INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR
RESEARCH, WARSAW, REQUESTED DISCUSSION WITH SCIATT ABOUT
POSSIBLE BILATERAL RESEARCH AGREEMENT BETWEEN USAEC AND POLISH
ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY. THEY POINTED OUT THAT POLAND IS
RAPIDLY DEVELOPING THE CAPABILITY OF COOPERATING WITH THE
USAEC ON A BASIS OF STRICT MUTUAL INTEREST IN SELECTED AREAS
OF THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR PHYSICS. THEY CITED
IN THIS REGARD THE ACQUISITION LAST YEAR OF A CYBER 72
COMPUTER AND A LARGE US-BUILT TANDEM ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATOR
SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED. ZALAZNY AND RACZKA INDICATED THE
ADVANCED STATE OF POLISH RESEARCH IN HIGH-TEMPERATURE
PLASMAS, MHD, AND SUPERHEAVY ELEMENTS COULD MAKE THESE EARLY
TOPICS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION; BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT COOPERATION COULD COVER THE GAMUT FROM FUNDAMENTAL
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RESEARCH TO MEDICAL AND INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS. THEY

ALSO POINTED OUT THE POLISH RESEARCH EFFORT WILL EMPHASIZE HIGH-TEMPERATURE REACTORS, AND THAT THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN HAS BEEN OUTLINED FOR A COAL GASIFICATION PLANT USING A HIGH-TEMPERATURE REACTOR, THEY THOUGHT THIS WOULD MAKE AN INTERESTING THEME FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION.

2. ZELAZNY AND RACZKA INDICATED THE EXISTENCE OF A BILATERAL RESEARCH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR US COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN POLAND IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THEY STATED POLAND WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERESTED IN THE PURCHASE OF LICENSES FOR SUCH ITEMS AS SPECIAL PURPOSE MINICOMPUTERS AND NUCLEAR SPECTROMETERS. THEY ALSO FELT THERE WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIAL US PARTICIPATION IN POLAND'S NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WHICH CALLS FOR AN INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 8,500 MW BY 1990.

3. THEY INDICATED THAT A VISIT BY A TEAM OF UA AEC EXPERTS TO POLAND TO LAY THE BASIS FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WOULD BE WELCOME. A FIRST STEP COULD BE THE SCHEDULING OF A DISCUSSION BY VICE PREMIER MITREGA, WHO HAS SECTORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY, WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS VISIT TO US STARTING MAY 12.

ACTION REQUESTED: WE UNDERSTAND THAT APPOINTMENT FOR MITREGA WITH AEC CHAIRMAN RAY HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN SET WITH CHAIRMAN RAY OR WITH OTHER HIGH-RANKING AEC OFFICIAL. IF SO, POLES WILL PROBABLY ADD NUCLEAR-ENERGY EXPERT TO MITREGA DELEGATION.
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